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FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING  
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE IN AREA RUGS**

the specification of which

(check ☒ [X] is attached hereto  
one)

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as

Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

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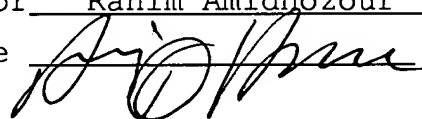
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 (37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) AND 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am:

- ☐ The owner of the small business concern identified below:  
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I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING ELECTRONIC COMMERCE IN AREA RUGS by inventors Rahim Amidhozour et al. described in:

- ☒ The specification filed herewith.  
☐ Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
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